

Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on January 20, 1999 at 11: 45 a.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 11.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 29, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to clause 5 of rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on January 29, 1999 at 1:00 p.m.

That the Senate passed S. Res. 30.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO INVESTIGATIVE SUBCOMMITTEES OF COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5(a)(4)(A) of rule X and the order of the House of Tuesday, January 19, 1999, the Speaker on Thursday, January 28, 1999 named the following Members of the House to serve on investigative subcommittees of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct for the 106th Congress:

Mrs. BIGGERT of Illinois,
Ms. GRANGER of Texas,
Mr. HASTINGS of Washington,
Mr. HULSHOF of Missouri,
Mr. LATOURETTE of Ohio,
Mr. MCCRERY of Louisiana,
Mr. MCKEON of California,
Mr. SESSIONS of Texas,
Mr. SHIMKUS of Illinois, and
Mr. THORNBERRY of Texas.

COMMUNICATION FROM HON. RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, Democratic Leader:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 26, 1999.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to clause 5(a)(4)(A) of Rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives I designate the following Members to be available for service on an investigative subcommittee of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct:

Mr. CLYBURN of South Carolina,
Mr. DOYLE of Pennsylvania,
Mr. EDWARDS of Texas,

Mr. KLINK of Pennsylvania,
Mr. LEWIS of Georgia,
Ms. MEEK of Florida,
Mr. STUPAK of Michigan,
Mr. TANNER of Tennessee.

Two additional Members will be so designated at a later time.

Sincerely,

RICHARD A. GEPHARDT,
Democratic Leader.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of section 2(a) of the National Cultural Center Act (20 U.S.C. 76h(a)) and the order of the House of Tuesday, January 19, 1999, the Speaker on Tuesday, January 26, 1999 appointed the following Member of the House to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts:

Mr. HASTERT of Illinois.

ELECTION OF MEMBER TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 29) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 29

Resolved, That the following named Member is, and is hereby, elected to serve on the standing committee as follows:

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ms. BERKLEY, Nevada.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PLEDGE TO WORK HARD FOR CALIFORNIA'S 41ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

(Mr. GARY MILLER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to be here as an elected representative of California's 41st Congressional District. Here, in the greatest representative body in the world, Members of the 106th Congress have a great deal of responsibility to the American people.

It is my intention to work in a bipartisan manner on some of the key issues facing us today. I will work to reduce government waste, bureaucracy, and red tape. I will work towards reducing the tax burden on the American people. For the senior citizens of my district, I promise to focus on saving Social Security. I will work to reform managed health care.

As a member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I will work with members of the California delegation to maintain Ontario International Airport and reduce traffic congestion on our region's interstate highways.

As a member of the House Committee on Science, I pledge to work towards maintaining our space program as well as ensuring that our country leads the world in technological innovation.

Finally, I wish to thank my family, friends, and the people of the 41st Congressional District for their guidance and their support.

To the people of my district, I pledge to you that I will work for your interest and will continue to earn your support.

IMF WANTS TO AID IRAQ

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, it is time to throw up. That is right. Check this out. Uncle Sam gives billions to the International Monetary Fund. Reports now say that the IMF wants to give billions of dollars in aid to Iraq. That is right, Iraq.

And you guessed it, the same reports say the White House has, quote-unquote, given their blessing. Unbelievable. While the White House bombs Iraq, the White House is supporting billions of dollars for Saddam Hussein. Beam me up. Who is on first, Mr. Speaker? What is on second?

Mr. Speaker, I yield back evidently all the advice the White House is getting from Larry, Moe, and Curly.

OPPOSE H.R. 45, NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY ACT OF 1999

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, the month of January of this year has already come and gone. In just that one month, there have been seven major earthquakes in Yucca Mountain, Nevada. This is a site where this city's powerful nuclear waste lobbyists want to bury their nuclear waste.

This should not be a surprise, however, because Yucca Mountain, you see, is a mountain. It is not geologically stable. In fact, it is a mountain that is tectonically active.

Jerry Szymanski, a former Department of Energy geologist, said seismic design for a facility to transfer nuclear waste canisters above ground at Yucca Mountain is not possible there. He said, with 32 faults in the area, the mountain is capable of a magnitude 8.5, folks, earthquake, and poses too many risks and variables to design seismic standards.

Realize that one does not store nuclear waste in an area that ranks third in the country for seismic activity, an area that has more than 621 earthquakes in the past 20 years, and an area that had seven earthquakes in less than 30 days.

Oppose H.R. 45, my colleagues. This could weigh heavily on my colleagues' souls.